RESOLUTION TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO DUE TO SEVERE STORM SEPTEMBER 14, 2008

(Emergency Management Agency)

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Agency for Franklin County has determined that Franklin County has been severely affected by a wind storm that occurred throughout the county on September 14, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the wind storm resulted in downed power lines and fallen trees causing outages to over 300,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, the strong winds of September 14, 2008 caused widespread damage to property, debris-blocked streets and thoroughfares, and the interruption of services and business activities; and

WHEREAS, the affected citizens and jurisdictions in Franklin County may need financial assistance for the removal of debris, repairs to property, access to food, and other supplies and services to protect life and property; and

WHEREAS, some of these services may not be covered by existing programs, insurance, or other funding services; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

That the Franklin County Board of Commissioners pursuant to the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and Federal Statutes, declares a state of emergency within Franklin County, Ohio due to the severe wind storm of September 14, 2008, and hereby authorize the preparation of requests for State and Federal, public and individual assistance for affected communities and residents.

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